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1. ECON. OFFICER AND CAO MET WITH ENERGY SEMINAR PARTICIPANT
ING. LUIS ROMAN FOR DEBRIEFING ON HIS TRIP.

2. AMONG THE OUTSTANDING POINTS OF HIS TRIP: MEETING WITH
ECONOMICS PROFESSOR AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY;
PROGRAM AT SHELL OIL COMPANY, HOUSTON; BRIEFING AT FIRST NATIONAL
CITY BANK; TOUR OF OFFSHORE OIL FACILITIES, HOUSTON; AND CONTACTS
ESTABLISHED WITH SOME OF THE OTHER SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS.

3. ROMAN WAS CRITICAL OF SOME ASPECTS OF THE SEMINAR, BOTH
ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROGRAM ACTIVITIES. AMONG THE FORMER: \$ 40
PER DIEM VIEWED AS INSUFFICIENT PARTICULARLY WHEN HOTELS WERE
\$ 28-30 DAILY, AND OVER CROWDED SCHEDULING DID NOT PERMIT TIME FOR
SIGHTSEEING.

4. ON THE PROGRAM, SESSIONS AT THE U.N., CARNEGIE MELLON
AND TWO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BRIEFINGS WERE POOR.

5. FINALLY HE SAID THAT GROUP'S INTEREST AND EXPERTISE WERE TOO
DIVERGENT AND DID NOT PERMIT GOOD GIVE-AND-TAKE INDEPTH DISCUSSIONS.

6. ON BALANCE, SEMINAR WAS A GOOD EXPERIENCE, BUT COULD HAVE
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